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Dear Mr. Bos,

With reference to your letter of March 31,
I send you herewith a detective report*
on ~~Mrs. Margaret Florine van Driest nee Wynne~~
I shall be thankful if you will regard this report
as being secret and confidential.

Yours sincerely,

J. L.

H. Bos, Esq.,

Netherlands Consulate-General,

Shanghai.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

File No. 100
REGISTRY
Section 2. 3408
Station
23.3.32.
Date March 23, 1932.

Subject (in full) Attached letter re Mrs. Margaret Florine van Driest nls. Wmnot.

Made by D.S. Moore.

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D.B. Moore

Regarding the attached letter from the Netherlands Consulate-General concerning the above named Netherlands subject by marriage, the following has been ascertained.

Mrs. van Driest arrived in Shanghai from Singapore via Hongkong and Manila on February 16, 1932 as a passenger aboard the Norddeutscher Lloyd s.s. "Trier". So far as can be learned she arrived here unaccompanied. She put up at the Cathay Hotel on the day of her arrival and occupied Room 405. The same evening a German subject who gave his name as Paul Pruller and stated he was 2nd Purser on s.s. "Trier" attempted to stay with her in Room 405, but was forbidden to do so by the hotel management. He eventually passed the night in the hotel, occupying Room 502, but demurred at paying the bill presented to him, insisting that he had been there at the invitation of Mrs. van Driest. The management of the Cathay Hotel had a further occasion to warn Mrs. van Driest that her conduct would **not** be tolerated on their premises. This was due to the frequency of visits made to her room by a foreign male whose nationality is not known. Mrs. van Driest was also frequently seen in the company of a Eurasian girl.

On February 24 she left the Cathay Hotel and gave as her forwarding address :- Box 660 c/o Phillips, Hongkong. There are at present two letters at the Cathay Hotel addressed to Mrs. van Driest. These bear the Singapore postmark and are dated February 25 and March 5 respectively.

She left Shanghai for Hongkong on board s.s. "Tjibadak" on February 25, the passage being booked through the Norddeutscher Lloyd office.

When entering Shanghai, the subject of this report gave the following particulars about herself :-

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Age:- 29 years

Nationality:- Dutch

Place of Birth:- Mahone Bay, Canada.

Home address:- Mahone Bay, G.P.O. Box 118.

Passport:- No. 18856 issued by Netherlands Consul-General at Singapore March 17, 1930 and visaed by the Chinese Consul-General at Singapore January 6, 1932.

Friends:- Mr. Lavin, Queen Ann Hotel, Hongkong.

In connection with the last item in the foregoing it is interesting to note that one Fritz Lavin, a former Russian citizen of Latvian nationality is alleged to be a notorious communist and counterfeiter and is known to the S.M.P. and the Hongkong Police as an associate of Russian crooks and other bad characters and also as a smuggler of narcotics. He was convicted by the old Mixed Court in July 1923 for possession of morphia and sentenced to 4 months imprisonment. Lavin is in possession of Passport No. 8 issued by the Public Safety Bureau, Canton on November 9, 1931 and visaed by the Chinese Consul-General, Singapore on January 25, 1932. He was in Shanghai from Feb. 6 to February 12, 1932, when he stayed at the Plaza Hotel and arrived again in this city from Amoy on March 21, 1932.

W.B. Moore
D. S.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

CONSULAAT-GENERAAL DER NEDERLANDEN
VOOR MIDDELI-CHINA:
TEL. AD. HOLLANDIA.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. & S. D. REGISTRY
No. S. B. D. 3408.
Date 22. 3. 32.

No. 883.

SHANGHAI,

21 March 1932.

Sir,

I have the honour to request you kindly to furnish me, if possible, with some information regarding Mrs. Margaret Florine van Driest^{*} née Whynot^{*}, a Netherlands subject by marriage, who is holding a Netherlands passport No. 18856, issued by the Consul-General at Singapore on March 17th 1930.

Mrs. van Driest is said to have arrived in Shanghai with an English man, who since died here. Mrs. van Driest was known in Shanghai as "Peggy".

She left for Hong Kong per s/s "Tjibadak" on February 25th last and her conduct during the voyage and in Hongkong was such that she made the impression of being a woman of light morals. Thanking you in anticipation,

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

Chinese Secretary.

T. P. Givens, Esquire,
Officer i/c Special Branch,
Shanghai Municipal Police,
SHANGHAI.

Sh. for attention please

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J.S. Moore
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